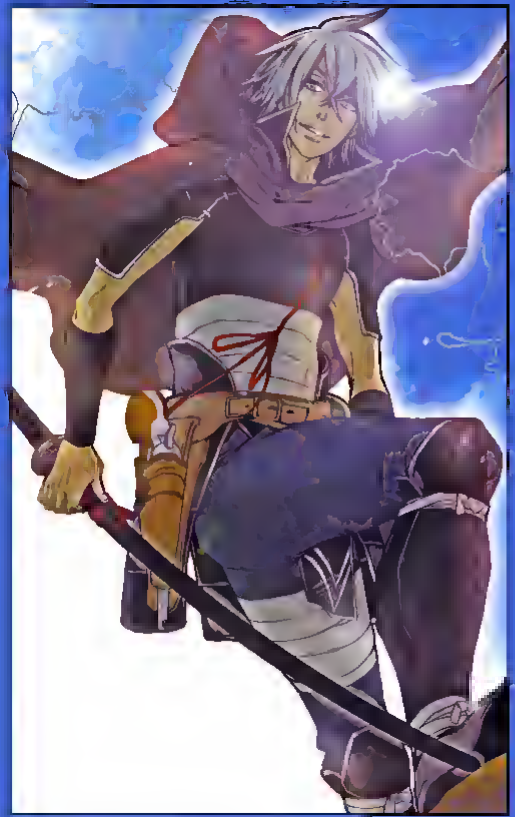

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ドン
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...Here he comes

The one hundred million gold guy.
CHAPTER ONE

A while ago
ゆら
DAMN IT...
I RAN INTO SUCH A WEIRD PLACE...
IT'S VERY FOGGY HERE
EVEN THOUGH IT'S ALREADY LATE, IT'S STILL BRIGHT AS AFTERNOON IN THE THICK FOG
...ARE YOU SURE, BIG SISTER?
THE MONSTERS WILL GATHER WHEN THEY NOTICE THE SMELL.

IT'S FINE, SINCE FOG CAN ABSORB ALL SOUNDS LIGHTS, AND SMELLS
DON'T YOU REMEMBER THE OLD GUY AT A LODGE SAID THAT?
YOU'RE REALLY A COWARD
THANKS TO THE FOG THE PURSUER CAN'T CATCH US AND WE EVEN DON'T NEED A LIGHT
WE'LL LEAVE HERE WHEN IT'S MORNING
BY THE WAY...
YOU SHOULD HAVE CHOSEN A WEALTHY GIRL FOR THAT SUCH AS A MAYOR'S OR A BANKER'S DAUGHTER
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CAUSED THIS MESS BY SWINDLING A 15-YEARS-OLD GIRL
IF WE CAN'T GET THE BOUNTY HEAD, WE'LL LOSE OUR JOB
DON'T SAY THAT SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL FOR A BUTCHER'S DAUGHTER!

I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY WONDERFUL WOMAN FROM A WEALTHY FAMILY...
THEY'RE OFTEN QUITE HORRIBLE.
BUT THE GIRL WAS VERY LOVELY,
AND GENTLE!
SHE WAS ALSO EXCEPTION-ALLY
GLAM-OR...
STOP BEING TUPID! GO TEND OUR HORSES,
YOU GOOD-FOR-NOTH-ING!
YEAH
GEEZ SHE'S REALLY ROUGH ON ME
THERE THERE GOOD BOYS YOU'RE SAFE NOW.
I WON-DER HOW WE'LL GET THE BOUNTY HEAD IN THIS FOG
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!? THEY'RE TOTALLY LIFELESS!

...WHAT THE...
THE GOD OF WIND
"ISAKA"
YOU CAN'T BE KIDDING!
AH
!!

Huh...? What's this
They were...
cut exactly in half...
AN EXPERT DID THIS... THE HORSES ARE DEAD BUT STILL STANDING.
Was it a monster...? Probably.
...THE BLOOD HASN'T DRIED UP YET...
NOT...
THIS SECTION...
CAN IT BE, A "CHASER" THE BUTCHER HIRED...?

HM...?
?
MY, MY...
They were killed about 10 or 20 minutes ago
THE GOD OF WIND "ISAKA"
I might be in trouble...
Bliss

WHAT A SURPRISE.
I DIDN'T KNOW SOMEONE HAD BEEN SO CLOSE TO US...
ズドッ
...I SUPPOSE I COULDN'T SMELL YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE TOO INSIGNIFICANT?

Hey.
You guys.
Who are you!?
I'M THE CUTTER OF DYROTH
YOU'RE GOOD-LOOKING, TOO
YOU GOT MY INTEREST, YOUNG LADY
YOU'RE SO HIGH-SPIRITED, YOUNG LADY
THAT'S GOOD

What...
Cutter of Dyroth...!?
SHIT...
HE'S THE MOST NOTORIOUS SWORDSMAN FROM NORTH LAND.
Now it makes sense why I didn't notice the killing...
BY THE WAY, YOU "YOUNG LADIES",
APPARENTLY,
YOU'RE ARMED... ARE YOU GUYS ALSO BOUNTY HUNTERS?
WHAT ABOUT YOU...?
ME?
I'M BACH.
THE LIGHTNING BACH.

AH.
THE FAMOUS KING OF SNIPERS—?
WHAT'S THE DEAL—
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!?
WHY ARE ALL THE BIG NAMES HERE TOGETHER—?
HEY.
WE JUST HAPPENED TO HAVE A MEAL TOGETHER
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE HANGING OUT
ヒソ
OKAY, YOUNG LADY?
PLEASE REMEMBER THIS
I, COWBOY ERIS, NEVER HANG OUT WITH ANYONE

I'VE HEARD YOU'RE THE FASTEST GUNMAN IN THE EAST
ARE YOU REALLY THE COWBOY ERIS?
OH...?
WELL...
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON ?
It's not a joke—
THE BOUNTY HEAD WE'RE AFTER IS NOT SO WORTHY TO HAVE THEIR ATTENTION...
Every one of the big names is here...
The guy who has caught their eyes...
Bach said "also"...
Who is here in this wasteland today!?
What are they here for?

Who is it...!?
ANYWAY WHAT'S YOUR NAME MISS DOCTOR?
I'M ARAMA
I'M NOT A DOCTOR BUT A MEDICINE SELLER
Oh..? That's why you're wearing the white gown
YOU'RE RATHER A SEXY PHARMACIST
.....!!
Whew
THAT'S GREAT

I WAS BORED RIGHT NOW
HEY YOU
SINCE I FOUND YOU MINE HAS BEEN SWELLING UP
CAN YOU JUST COME HERE AND GIVE ME A HAND?
!!
This is bad...!
SISTER...!
YOU'RE A BIT HOPELESS.
...WELL, IF YOU WANT ME TO PLAY WITH YOU, I CAN GRANT YOUR WISH.

If yours is crap, I'll bite it off
Be prepared for that!
Ah...i
Sister...
I knew it...
BUT NOT ONLY MY HANDS.
I'LL ALSO DO IT WITH MY MOUTH.
!!
!!!
HOWEVER,

Ha ha ha...
WHAT A HIGH-SPIRITED PHARMACIST.
THEN WHETHER IT'S CRAP OR NOT
SHALL WE FIND OUT ABOUT THAT HERE?
EXCELLENT.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
WHEN DID YOU DRAW YOUR SWORD?
...SUCH A LONG AND HEAVY ONE

click
WASN'T IT ABOUT 0.2 SECONDS?
I'LL LAST A BIT MORE,
IN BED.
!!

KYAA!
YOU NEED AT LEAST A GUN AS STRONG AS MINE IF YOU INTEND TO CONFRONT HIS
MY HELMET MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT THIS IS AN ALLOY OF 10 MM TITANIUM
A SHABBY BULLET CAN'T DO ANYTHING

HEY, GET UP
UGH
THE BULLET DIDN'T HIT YOU
HE DID IT ON PURPOSE
LET'S PLAY MORE
!!
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?

I CHANGED MY MIND.
I HATE WOMEN WITH THOSE EXPRESSIONS.
YOUR GUN...
WILL NEVER GO BACK IN THE HOLSTER AGAIN.
Heh.
ERIS, ARE YOU PRETENDING TO BE A GOOD MAN ALONE?
...HAVEN'T YOU REALIZED?
NO.
You better stop.

ん？

What's going on...?
clack
The air suddenly changed—?

Coming....
Something is...

Hch.
THIS IS TOO MUCH...
A horse with six legs...
And a dark-colored cape.
HE MUST BE THE NOTORIOUS DARK BODY-GUARD...!
I'M DREAM-ING ?
OR AM I'M IN HELL AL-READY...?
It can't be-
That the three of them were

After him...!?

IT SEEMS SOME FLIES ARE HERE.
ATTRACTED TO THE SMELL OF MONEY AND BLOOD.
OH ?
YOU UNDERSTAND VERY WELL.
H!!!

!!
I'VE BEEN FEELING NAUSEATED SINCE A SHORT TIME AGO.
THIS FOG IS SAID TO ABSORB ANY SMELL
THIS MUST BE THE SMELL,
Shit...!
of a trifling good—for—nothing guy.

and somehow I'll manage to get out from here while they're paying attention to him...
I need to snatch away my sister,
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY LIVES I HAVE IF THESE FOUR BECOME MY OPPONENT IT'LL BE OVER.
GIVE ME A BREAK...
NOTHING WRONG TO BE IN HIGH SPIRITS
BUT I'M NOT HERE TO FIGHT WITH YOU
HOW ABOUT WORKING TOGETHER WITH ME?
!!

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
A TRIVIAL MATTER BEFORE A SERIOUS ONE
I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO SPEND WITH YOU GUYS
HE'S COMING...

?
...What does he mean?
Aren't they here to kill the bodyguard...?
If that's the case...
A well-known bodyguard needs to gang up with them? No one can be stronger than him.

Who the hell
is coming
here...?

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What kind of joke is this...?
Even though no one can defeat the well-known "bodyguard", he needs to gang up with the others?
In this fog...

What kind of guy is it...!?
Chapter Two
第二話

Hm
Hm
THESE GUYS MET HERE BY COINCIDENCE, BUT THEY HAVE THE SAME PURPOSE...
IT SEEMS...
HEY, KUMOSUKE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? COME HERE QUICKLY...
Hey, "body-guard"!
ARGH! THAT ASS KUMOSUKE!
HOW HUMILIATING! HE'S SHUDDERING WITH FEAR!
とろ…
ANYWAY, I HAVE TO ESCAPE FROM HERE...

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
...HUH?
YOU MUST KNOW SOMETHING THAT WE DON'T...
DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I MIGHT SIDE WITH YOU.
IF THE "DARK BODYGUARD" HAS AS MUCH INFORMATION AS WE DO HE WOULDN'T HAVE SUGGESTED WE JOIN FORCES

YOU BAS-TARD!
DID YOU CALL ME A COWARD JUST NOW?
— IF YOU'RE A MAN, I THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE RESPON-SIBILITY FOR WHAT YOU'VE SAID
SO WHAT IF I DID?
COWBOY, YOU'VE GOT A QUICK SHOT, RIGHT?

Draw your gun.

Si-
Sister...!?
Wait! Calm down!
Shh!
WE'LL ESCAPE LATER, KUMO-SUKE
DON'T YOU THINK THIS IS A RARE CHANCE?
THIS MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO EARN BIG MONEY.
NO ONE HAS SURVIVED AFTER FACING THEM.
ESPECIALLY HIM.
DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO HE IS AFTER?

BE QUIET...
But we might not be able to escape safely!
Wh spen
HEY! THEY'LL NOTICE!
ゆら…
HEY.. WAIT
IT CAN'T BE THE PERSON IS HERE ALREADY?
PROBABLY THERE IS ANOTHER FLY?
HEH
I DON'T SENSE ANY SERIOUS PRESENCE
NO I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING
WELL, THIS IS A GOOD SITUATION

There's no room...
for another player!
ヒュオ!!
……!!
ドン!!
Silence
WHAT HAPPENED?

RIDICU-
LOUS! I
HAVE NEVER
ONCE
MISSED!
I
COULDN'T
HIT ANY-
THING
IT KEPT
COMING
QUIETLY
...HMPH.
IT'S "THAT
GUY".
I'M FIRST!
DON'T
INTERRUPT
ME!
IN THAT
CASE I HAVE
NO TIME TO
PLAY AROUND
WITH YOU
GUYS!
Heh!
... IS
HE
THE
ONE?

ゆら…
HOW FOOLISH
しん…
H-HEY WAIT

What!? What's going on!?
Stop, Kumo-suke!!
IT'S BEEN QUITE SOME TIME!
WHY HASN'T HE COME BACK!?
Stop

Cutter! Did... you kill him...!?
HEY, ANSWER ME!
LOOK CAREFULLY
AT HIS SWORD
His sword...
Has not even a drop of blood on it...!?

Ah..!
Aygkhh!
Impossible! His armor was bullet proof...
...S-Sister! We should get out of here! This is dangerous!
!!
The fog didn't stir at all...!
WHAT A FOOL

BUT THIS MEANS ONE LESS COMPETITOR TO WORRY ABOUT.
IT'S MY TURN THEN.
SNAP
THUMP
EEK
DON'T SCREAM.

HEY...
I'LL BE BACK IN A MINUTE TO SLEEP WITH YOU. SEE YOU SOON.
ONE MORE...

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UGH
...HEH...
THAT'S WHY I SUGGESTED WORKING TOGETHER, FOOLISH FLIES.

HOW ABOUT YOU, COW-BOY?
...ARE YOU THE SAME AS THEM?
I SEE
NO
IS
CLICK
WHAT I WANT TO SAY
BUT SORRY I DON'T HANG OUT WITH ANYONE
VOOM

LOOKS LIKE I HAVE NO CHOICE.
I'LL MONOPOLIZE THE ONE HUNDRED MILLION GOLD—
……!!

DID YOU SAY ONE HUNDRED MILLION GOLD!?
WH... WHAT? WHAT HAPPENED JUST NOW...?
HEY... YOU!!
HEY! DO YOU WANT US TO HELP YOU?
Huh!?
What are you saying, sister!?
In return, can we have one hundred thousand... one million gold?
.....
WELL,
I CAN GIVE YOU DOUBLE WHAT YOU ASKED
DO... DOUBLE!?
It was my mistake! I meant to ask for ten million!

VERY WELL. STAND IN A LINE THERE AND TURN THE OTHER WAY TOGETHER.
?
WHY DO WE NEED TO DO THAT...?
IF YOU REFUSE YOU WON'T GET THE MONEY
O-OF COURSE...! WE'LL DO IT!
ドシャ
HEY, SISTER... WH..IT IS HE PL..AN-NING...?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW!?
HEY, YOU OVER THERE.

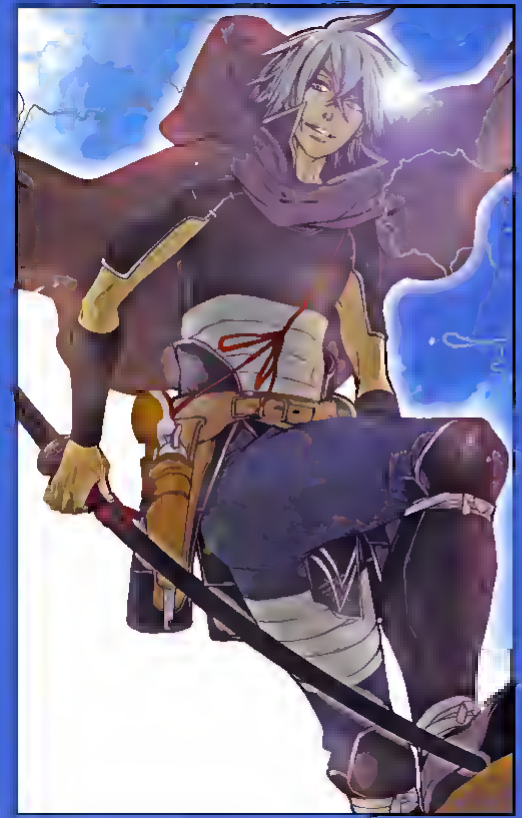
ARE YOU LISTENING? I'M THE "BODY-GUARD"
I WON'T MOVE FROM HERE
SO COME HERE
OTHERWISE I'LL KILL THEM
Hey, hold on
Are you serious? Why do we have to be killed!?
!
DO YOU WANT TO SEE THAT? HUH?
IT'S YOUR CHEEK THIS TIME, BUT IT'LL BE YOUR RIGHT ARM NEXT TIME
AND THEN YOUR LEFT LEG

D-
Don't be joking!
He has nothing to do with us
He won't help stran-gers...!
BUT HE WILL, RIGHT?
Silence
HMPH.
ARE YOU BLUFFING?

Then...
Ugh...

I'D NEVER DREAMED...
THAT YOU'D BE ABLE TO POUNCE BACK MY ATTACK...
NORMALLY, MY WEAPON IS INVISIBLE TO THE EYE.

A-ARE YOU KIDDING...?
HE'S JUST A KID...!
!!
HUH...?



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Chapter
Three
第三話

A kid like this killed them...?
No...

We're so close but I can't sense any presence
Even I can tell!
This..
This is the kid whose head is worth a hundred million gold...!

SI... SISTER...!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! HE MUST BE SOME KIND OF MONSTER!
THIS IS SERIOUS. EVEN THE BODYGUARD COULDN'T DO ANYTHING.
.....!!

He's so hand-some!
He...
AH... SISTER YOU...
Sister!
YOU'RE SO LOUD! DON'T YELL SO CLOSE TO MY EARS!
chuckle
DON'T WORRY. I WON'T DO ANYTHING
I ONLY CLEANED UP THE MESS
...ANY-WAY
Poke

HOW IS YOUR WOUND?
.....!!
OH... IT'S FINE.
I SEE
THAT'S A RELIEF.
H''

SO..
WHAT BUSI-
NESS DO YOU
HAVE WITH ME,
"BODYGUARD"?

A BUSI-
NESS
TO GET
YOUR ONE
HUNDRED
MILLION
GOLD
BOUNTY
HEAD

THAT WAS MY INTENTION.
MY PLAN
I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU.
I COMPLETELY LOST.
...I HAVE TO COMPLAIN TO...
DANJOU AND... WALLACE...
THE OPPONENT WAS
TOO STRONG

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ドシャア

ARE YOU HURT?
THAT BASTARD PRETENDED TO BE DEAD!!
SHOW ME YOUR WOUND!
DON'T WORRY. I'M A PHARMACIST
HEY.. YOU!
I'M FINE. I DODGED ALL OF THEM.
All of them!?
HE DODGED JUST AT THE RIGHT TIME USING ALL HIS STRENGTH.
AND THE BULLETS SLID IN THE OTHER DIRECTION.
ARE YOU KIDDING!?

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...Is that a robot...?
No. It's a cyborg.

WAS IT UNNECESSARY?
I SHOULD INTRODUCE MYSELF.
I AM...
Co-Co-Co-
Cowboy Eris!?
...THANKS.
Heh.

HEY, WAIT! YOU!
HE CUT YOUR THROAT, RIGHT? HOW ARE YOU STILL ALIVE!?
WHAT THERE'S NO WOUND...!?
I'M ALSO A WIND MAGE JUST LIKE YOU
....HEY.
WH..T RE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ME?

You came to kill me.
didn't you?
HEY...
YEAH...

YOU'RE WORTH ONE HUNDRED MILLION GOLD AFTER ALL!
!!

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ク
…!

Heh.
I CAN'T BRAG IF I KILL SOMEONE WHO IS NOT MOTIVATED TO THE FIGHT.
NO, I WON'T DO THAT.
THANK YOU.
YOUR COLT.
ポニ

THEY CAN EVEN PENETRATE THE ARMOR OF ROBOT KNIGHTS
YEAH
THESE ARE 45 CALIBER AMMOS THAT CAN PIERCE ARMORS
THE BULLETS ARE SPECIALLY MADE RIGHT?
YOU
NOTICED HE WASN'T HUMAN?
HOW DID YOU KNOW?
HE WASN'T A BAD ACTOR, BUT...
HIS BLOOD DIDN'T SMELL
ON TOP OF THAT HE COULD RIDE A HORSE WITH NO PROBLEM, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS SHAK-

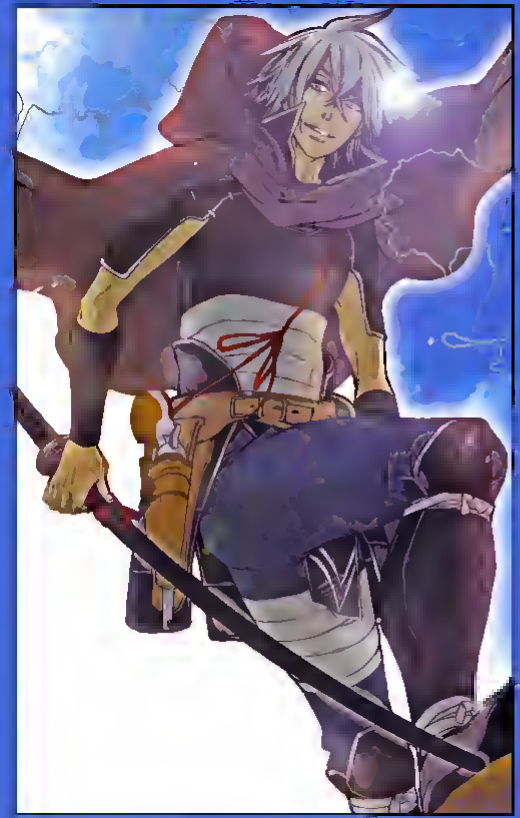
I GUESS BEING AN ACTOR WASN'T SUITABLE FOR HIM
SUCH A SCARY BOY.
SO DON'T BE DEFEATED BY ANYONE UNTIL THEN.
I WON'T GIVE UP ON GETTING THAT ONE HUNDRED MILLION GOLD.
THE NEXT TIME WE MEET, I'LL AIM FOR YOU FROM AFAR.
I'LL TELL YOU ONE THING.

BY THE WAY
Just so you know, we're not after the prize money!
What!? What do you want!?
DO YOU HAVE AN EXTRA HORSE?
ADIOS.

MY HORSE WAS KILLED BY THOSE GUYS A WHILE AGO... AND IT'S ABOUT 100KM TO THE NEXT TOWN
IF I LEAVE IN THE MORNING, I'LL ARRIVE BEFORE NOON. IF YOU CAN'T SELL ME A HORSE, CAN YOU TAKE ME THERE?
Y-YEAH.
WE'D LIKE TO DO THAT BUT...
I GOT IT.
HUH
WELL THEN, I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE
IT'LL BE TRAINING FOR MY LEGS TOMORROW.

...HEY, LIDDY.
I MEAN, YOU.
...WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
...ME?

I'm Rappa.



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Chapter
Four
第四話

...RAPPA...!?
I'VE HEARD THAT NAME SOMEWHERE BEFORE...
RAPPA
RAPPA...?
Hey!
who?
eek!
RAPPA
toot toot
YOU MEAN THIS ONE*?
Wh...
Why did you hit me, sis-ter!?
Shut up!
Don't make fun of it!
pfft
*Trumpet is "rappa" in Japanese but the name Rappa here means literally wildflowers and also spy or crowd!

WELL, IT'S JUST A NAME
LET'S GET SOME SLEEP
IT'LL BE DANGER-OUS ONCE THIS FOG CLEARS UP IN THE MORNING
HEY
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU BEFORE WE GO TO SLEEP...

IS THERE REALLY A REWARD OF ONE HUNDRED MILLION GOLD FOR CAPTURING YOU?
LOOKING AT THE SITUATION I COOPERATED WITH HIM.
BUT REALLY A CHILD LIKE YOU?
.....
I SUPPOSE THERE IS.
!!

SO IT'S TRUE! THAT'S SURPRISING...
WHO'D PUT UP THAT KIND OF MONEY?
...WHO KNOWS? I'M NOT SURE EITHER
I HAVEN'T HEARD OF ANYONE WITH SUCH A LARGE BOUNTY
HEY, IT'S A HUNDRED MILLION
YOU MUST HAVE DONE SOMETHING
...I HONESTLY HAVE NO IDEA...
THERE'S BEEN A BOUNTY ON ME FOR A LONG TIME.
BESIDES, I'M BUSY DEALING WITH HUNTERS EVERY DAY.
THERE'S NO TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT.
.....

B-BUT SOMEONE IS AFTER YOUR LIFE WITH ONE HUNDRED MILLION
AREN'T YOU AT LEAST A LITTLE CURIOUS AS TO WHO IT IS?
NOT REALLY...
Yawn...
I WORKED HARD TODAY...
...WELL, SATISFIED? LET'S SLEEP THEN.
THEN... YOU DON'T MIND SPENDING YOUR WHOLE LIFE IN HIDING?
FOR A REASON YOU'RE NOT EVEN SURE ABOUT?
THAT'S FINE WITH ME.
Hmm...
Haa...
I'M AMAZED TO SEE A BIG SHOT LIKE YOU!
HEY,
ARE YOU ACTUALLY THE SON OF A FAMOUS NOBLE... OR SOMETHING?

OTHERWISE IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE
... I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE I WAS BORN ...
WELL, ACTUALLY
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MYSELF
WHAT... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I WAS

CONFINED TO A DARK ROOM MADE OF STONE UNTIL HALF A YEAR AGO
!!
—IT WAS PITCH BLACK, AND THERE WAS NOTHING
ASIDE FROM FOUR STONE WALLS
SOME-TIMES I COULD HEAR THE SOUND OF SOMEONE CRYING
IT WAS SIMILAR TO A BABY'S CRY
—OR WAS IT—
ME—?

AND,
THE FEEL OF SOMEONE'S PALM
I WONDER WHO THAT WAS
IT WAS THE HAND OF A WOMAN
IT PATTED MY HEAD
WERE YOU
THERE SINCE YOU WERE A BABY?
YEAH
PROBABLY

AND DON'T SAY THAT YOU LEARNED IT IN YOUR DREAMS!
MOREOVER, YOU'RE SKILLED TO AN INHUMAN LEVEL...
HO-HOLD ON, ISN'T IT A BIT STRANGE?
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT EITHER.
...AT ANY RATE,
THE NEXT THING I KNEW, I WAS ALONE OUTSIDE AND WITH ONLY THIS BACK-PACK ON ME.
HOW DO YOU KNOW HOW TO SPEAK OR USE A GUN? WHO TAUGHT YOU?
I HAVE NO IDEA ABOUT ANY OF THAT
OR WHY I WAS RELEASED SUDDENLY...
WHAT WAS THEIR PURPOSE
WHO KEPT ME THERE.

OR EVEN WHO I AM
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO FROM NOW ON?

HEY, YOU...
I'M TOTALLY IMPRESSED...
HAHA CUTTER AND THE BODYGUARD WERE JUST "KILLING TIME" FOR YOU.
A LOT OF HUNTERS WILL COME AFTER ME FOR THE REWARD. SO AT LEAST I WON'T BE BORED!
I HAVE NOWHERE IN PARTICULAR TO GO TO
NOTHING!
HOW MANY HUNTERS HAVE YOU DEALT WITH SO FAR?
PROBABLY ABOUT A HUNDRED PEOPLE
ONE HUNDRED!
I-I-I-I-I

WE SHOULD REST WELL FOR TOMOR-ROW...
...WELL, ALRIGHT.
GOOD NIGHT...
SWEET DREAMS

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ING...
..NOT! RAPPA! WHERE'S RAPPA-
HOW SLOW ARE YOU!? HE'S AL READY GONE!
BUT WHAT'S WITH ALL THESE HORSES

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clump
clump
clump
アア…

It's a Velociraptor!
HE MUST BE A STRAY!
LET'S HIDE!
WH- WHY IS A VELOCIRAP-TOR HERE...!?
ドゥ!!!

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Neeish
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ブチッ
ブチ
ブチ
ブチ

...Eek!
neigh
neigh
THIS...
THIS IS BAD, SISTER...
WE NEED TO RUN...
clatter

ハァ
ハァ
You idiot! What have you done!?
EEP...!
Quickly, run!

Kumo-suke!
Kyaa
Grow!

ドン

Sister! A... Are you alright!?
YEAH ...
TH... THAT HORSE IS A...
TH IT'S WILD UNICORN.
!!
Rappa!
heh

...!!
...HUH?
WH-WHAT IS IT NOW!?

An emperor earthworm!
The unicorn will get swallowed up!

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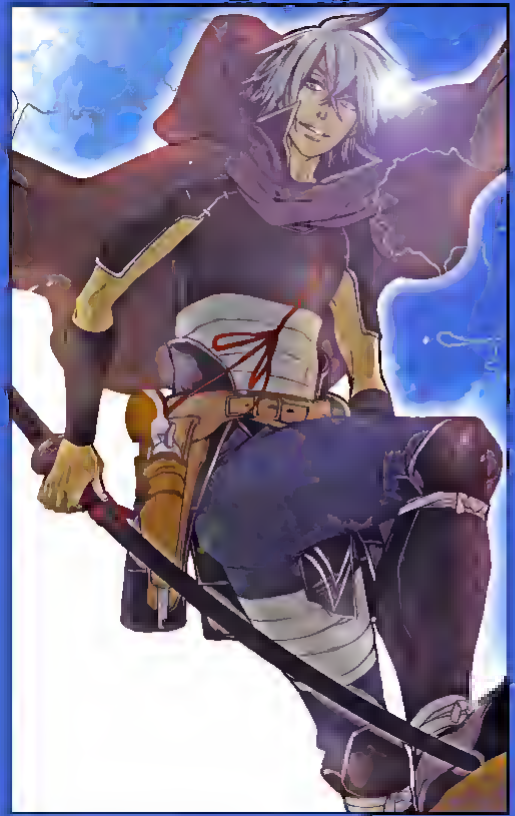
ガラ
ガラ

Go!

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES
A UNICORN NEVER OBEYS A HUMAN
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR NORMAL UNICORNS TO GET USED TO HUMANS
I HEARD ONLY THE "LIVING DEAD" CAN CONTROL THEM...
BUT SOMEHOW HE
.....

WELL, IT TURNED OUT OKAY AFTER ALL.
WE'VE GOT NEW HORSES
DON'T BE BOTHERED BY SUCH COMPLICATED THINGS
A UNICORN SCATTERED ONE HUNDRED WILD HORSES WITH ONE CRY
TWO HORSES BECAME OURS WITH TWO NODS FROM HIM
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN A SPECTACLE LIKE THAT IN ALL OF MY 23 YEARS.
Haha..
YOU'RE RIGHT.
IT WAS LIKE A FAIRYTALE.



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THE SUN HAS RISEN CONSIDERABLY HIGHER
WELL, WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL. WE'LL BE IN "THE MOBILE BORDER REGION" SHORTLY
IF WE'RE CARELESS WE'LL ENTER "THE KINGDOM"
THE PURSUERS WON'T BE ABLE TO GET US SINCE WE CAME THIS FAR...

I HOPE THE BORDER PATROLLERS WON'T FIND US...
ALTHOUGH THEY'RE EMPLOYED BY "THE KINGDOM", THEY'RE JUST SCOUNDRELS
THE BORDER PATROLLERS?
RAPPA STANDS OUT,
SO WE SHOULD DECIDE OUR NEXT DESTINATION SOON...
THERE IS A TOWN GOOD FOR CONCEALING OURSELVES NEARBY
LET'S STAY THERE FOR A NIGHT AND...
Huh?
Wait a minute!
MY INTUITION SAYS HE IS THE SOURCE OF REVENUE!
DO YOU INTEND TO LET HIM GO?
WE SHOULD STICK WITH HIM! IT'S A WASTE IF WE LEAVE HIM NOW!
WELL... KLIMOSLIKE

WHEN IT HAPPENES CAN YOU PROTECT YOURSELF?
!!!
WE'LL ENCOUNTER MORE HUNTERS JUST LIKE THE BODYGUARD FOR SURE
YOU SEEM FORGETTING WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT
THE BOY IS WANTED AND THERE'S A LARGE REWARD!
BUT... SISTER!
MY PRINCIPLE IS "NEVER TAKE A RISK", YOU KNOW.
BESIDES, YOU KNOW WE'RE ALSO FUGITIVES...
HEY SISTER! LET'S HATCH THE MONEY EGG TOGETHER!
HE IS MORE THAN WE CAN HANDLE.
I BELIEVE HE NEVER LOSE TO ANYONE SO EASILY.
HIS AWESOME TECHNIQUES!
YOU SAW, RIGHT?

...I've decided! No matter what, I'll sponge off of him!
YOU DON'T NEED TO COME WITH ME IF YOU DON'T WANT TO
MOST LIKELY YOU'LL END UP, AS A POOR FORTUNE TELLER OR SOMETHING IN A RURAL TOWN
I DON'T WANT TO BE LIKE THAT!
A HOPELESS GUY LIKE YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING
JUST GIVE UP
UGH... DON'T SAY THAT!
Hmph
I'll get big money beside him!
I'm going to retire from swindling!
GLOP
GLOP

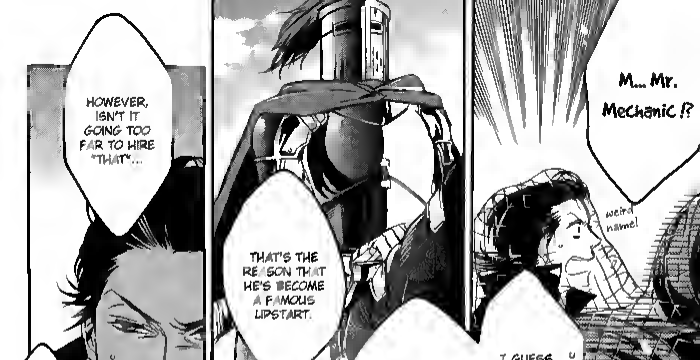
Sigh
you're really hopeless.
Huh?
.....!?

What's... Going on...!?
neigh
neigh
A net...!?
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME...
I'LL CUT OFF!
swipe
DAMN... THIS IS A STEEL NET...
.....!?

Stop, Kumos-uke!
THEY'RE PROBABLY THE BORDER GARRISON OF THE UPSTART MECHANICAL BASTARD
WITHOUT INFORMING US... WHO DO THEY THINK THEY ARE
HOW DARE YOU DO THIS TO ME!
COME OUT!
HERE THEY COME.

clop
clop
neigh

WE'RE THE BORDER GARRISON WORKING FOR MR. MECHANIC.
THIS AREA IS HIS TERRI-TORY.
NO ONE IS ALLOWED HERE WITHOUT PERMIS-SION.
YOU INTRUDERS, BE DOCILE!


M... Mr. Mechanic!?
weird name!
I GUESS YOU'VE SEEN.
THE WINDUP DOLLS WHICH WORK AS DANCERS OR SINGERS AT THE B.R...
THAT'S THE REASON THAT HE'S BECOME A FAMOUS UPSTART.
HOWEVER, ISN'T IT GOING TOO FAR TO HIRE "THAT"...
ARE THEY EVEN HUMANS?

WHAT ARE YOU MUMBLING?
!?

Dismount from the horse!
YOU THREE TRESPASSED ON SOMEONE'S LAND.
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO COMPLAIN EVEN IF YOU'RE KILLED.
Mind your language!
Three...
Two...
One...
It seems this guy wearing an ornate cape is the captain...
...ALRIGHT!
I'LL BE QUIET.
There's four of them...
...SO.
Looks like a disadvantage.
WHY ARE YOU HERE...
Hey, wait!

YOU KEEP SAYING THAT WE'RE INTRUDERS!
HOWEVER, MY MAP SAID THERE WAS NO PRIVATE LAND HERE
WE HAVE NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT WITH YOUR BOSS!
I'M SORRY BUT THIS AREA HAS BEEN HIS LAND SINCE A MOMENT AGO
What...?
YOU HAVE NO CHOICE...
AS YOU KNOW THE BORDER MOVES EVERY DAY IN THIS REGION.
A... A MOMENT AGO...?
IT'S NOT OUR FAULT THEN...!
No.

YOU VIOLATED OUR BORDER.
THE FACT DOESN'T CHANGE WHATEVER REASON YOU HAVE
THE PENALTY WILL BE FIFTY GOLD OR FIFTY DAYS FORCED LABOR IN EXCHANGE FOR THE SOM VIOLATION!
I'm taking you to Mr. Mechanic!
.....!!

Shit...
I can't draw my gun because of this steel net.
FIFTY GOLD IS QUITE A LOT OF MONEY. A FRONTIER FARMER CAN LIVE FOR HALF A YEAR EASILY.
Quit joking...
If I could catch them off guard, Rappa will do something...
I'll just have to rely on you!
Well,
Come with us!

I refuse.
WH...T DID YOU SAY...?

I SAID I DON'T WANT TO GO
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?
neigh
!?
IF WEARING THAT MAKES YOU DEAF,
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE IT OFF?

It seems like they're well trained...
That...
Idiot...!
He's agitating them...!
We're bound so we can't move
What on earth
is Rappa thinking!?
HM...
HEHE-HEHE!
YOU'RE INTER-ESTING!
WELL THEN,
prepare!

Better than I expected...!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
They're more than just some top gunfighters
With such a big revolver— In a second or even faster than that!?
These bastards are—!
Hehe...
I WONDER IF THEY'RE REALLY WIND-UP DOLLS—
So fast!
.....!!

THE STEEL NET IS SPECIALLY MADE... EVEN AN ANTI-DINOSAUR RIFLE CAN'T TEAR IT
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO?
Be a good boy and dismount from the horse!
This is your last warning!
HMPH.
YOU'RE TOO LOUD.
PLEASE FIRE YOUR GUN.

WHAT
WHAT HAP-
PENED...

Ugh...
You brat...!
What did you do!?

A...
Hmph...
Wei oh
Ah
YOU SHOULD HAVE USED A BETTER NET
A stone...!?
ゴロ...

IMPOSSIBLE! A STONE CAN'T MAKE A DENT IN IRON ARMOR..
IT CAN'T BE...
YOUR APPEARANCE AND THE SKILL...
Are You "Rappa" !?

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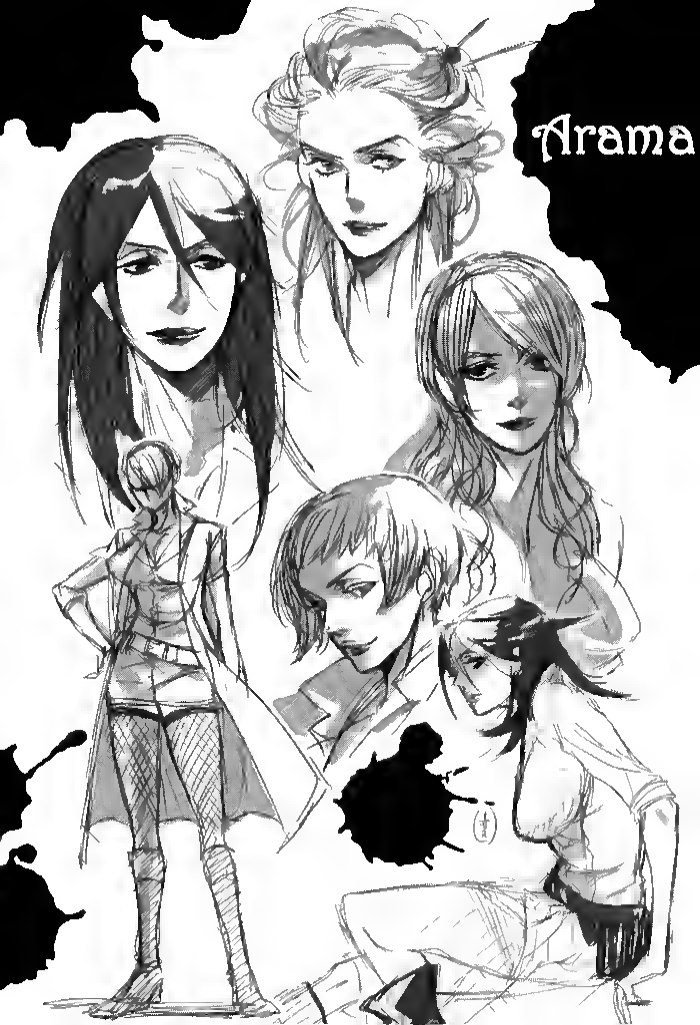
Rappa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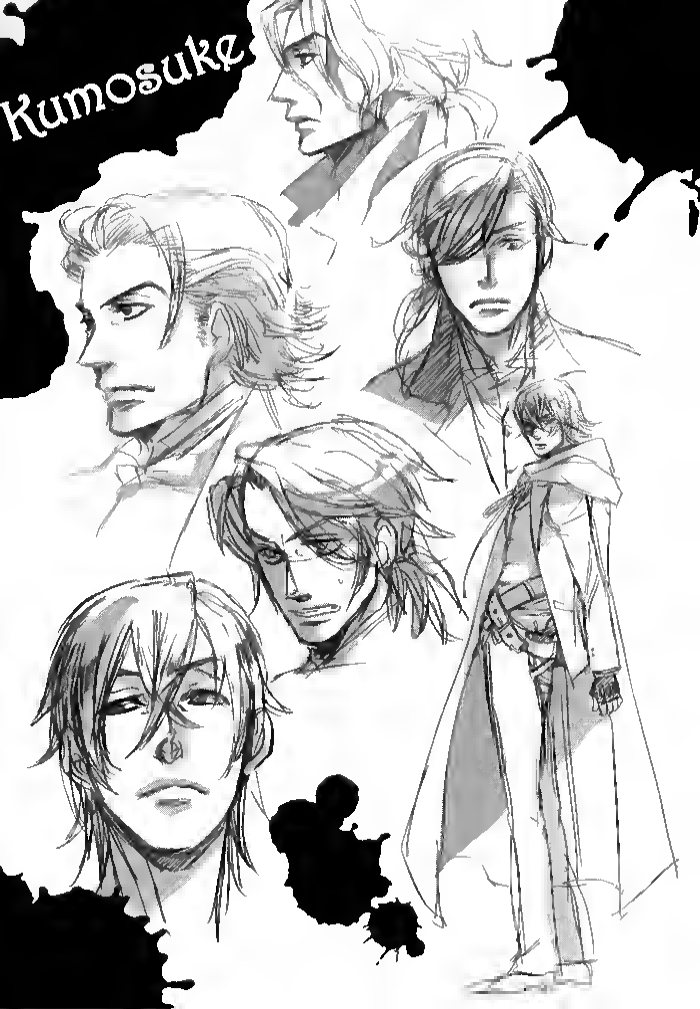

Kumosuke

A dark body-guard has appeared!
An extra
1
He came for us!
gobble
gobble
2
He is hungry
3
Grow!
4
Gobble gobble
5
Oh, this is horse meat
I like it roasted and with some mustard
6
What about the garnish?
7
8
Please make it medium rare!
9
gobble
DON'T
BESO
SELF-
slap
You can't even have a steamy romance
ish.

Thank you for reading.
Kou Sakura

I was asked to draw a manga based on an original novel!

Yes, sure! I'm glad. I'll do my best!

By the way whose work is that..?

GASP

It's Hideyuki Kikuchi's piece

It's the delivery service..

Oh, the original story has come. Can I really do this job?

An earth worm

A thick book around the area

Armors

Lightning

A horse with six legs

Rifles

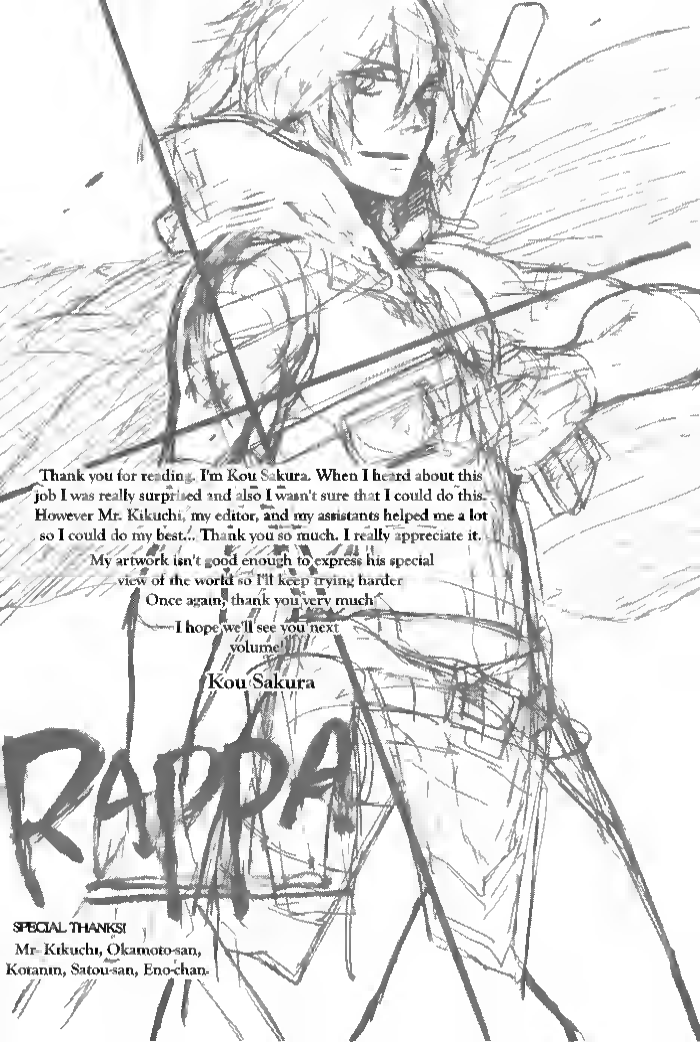
Swords

A cartilage puff

A pack of wild horses

A Velociraptor

I'll devote myself to my work..!



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My artwork isn't good enough to express his special view of the world so I'll keep trying harder

Once again, thank you very much

I hope we'll see you next volume

Kou Sakura

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